

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 03 February 1997
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Express Special Collector's Issue # 5
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Gourmet Editions
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Section 27

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept

and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package

and

That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication contains explicit depictions of sexual activity and written material such as short stories and articles, also explicit in nature. Close focus depictions of genitals appear at irregular intervals throughout the publication and serve to degrade and dehumanise the participants. The women in the publication are at times reduced to surfaces for the collection of male ejaculate which degrades and dehumanises them. Such depictions are counterbalanced by full body depictions of a variety of sexual activity. Offensive and derogatory language in *Express Special Collector's Issue # 5* degrades and dehumanises the participants via references to genitals and participants roles in sexual activity. Women are made reference to more than men. Such textual references are outweighed by references that are neither degrading nor dehumanising to the participants. The criteria under section 3 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 have been balanced against the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). The classification given to the publication is considered to be a reasonable limit on the right to freedom of expression, as outlined in section 5 of the NZBR Act.

Express Special Collector's Issue # 5 is classified as:

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